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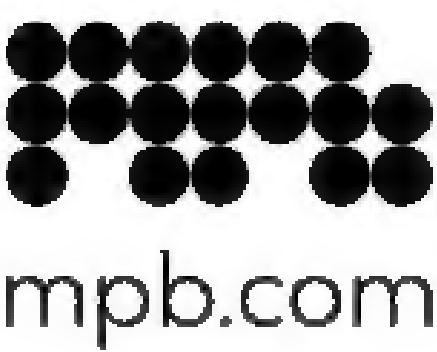
## Artist Blog by Nika Sandler

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The end of 2020. My curator at the [“Docdocdoc” photography school ↗](#), [Feodora Kaplan ↗](#), suggested several experiments before the upcoming holidays. I chose the experiment "Look behind the Christmas tree". The task was making a wish on New Year’s Eve, fulfilling it, and capturing the process.

At hour X, I wished myself peace – and went on a binge. I drank a lot to achieve the serenity I experienced when taking tranquilizers. At the same time, I was shooting abstract pictures that reflected my state. Later, [they were joined by still lifes and a doll ↗](#) that acted as my alter ego.

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